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SUBJECT: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL DEBATE ON REDUCING
SHARE OF US BUDGET ASSESSMENT

1. OUR NOTE OF APRIL 26 NOTIFYING PERMANENT COUNCIL OF
OUR INTEREST IN REDUCING SHARE OF ASSESSED OAS BUDGET
FROM 66 PERCENT TO 49 PERCENT OCCASIONED EXTENSIVE DEBATE
IN COUNCIL SESSION ON MAY 13. WHILE MOST DELEGATIONS
EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO FUTURE US MOVE, CHILE SUPPORTED
PROPOSAL.

2. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR PITY LAUNCHED RAMBLING HARANGUE,
ACCUSING US OF TRYING TO EVADE PRINCIPLE THAT ASSESSMENT
FORMULA SHOULD BE BASED ON ABILITY TO PAY AND ARGUED
REASON PANAMACOULD NOT PAY MORE WAS DUE TO US OPPRESSION.
HE ACCUSED US OF BEING IN ARREARS, OF NEVER PAYING IN
CASH, AND SAID THAT US SHOULD PAY MORE THAN 66 PERCENT,
NOT LESS. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT US AS SITE OF HEADQUARTERS
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BENEFITED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM EXPENDITURES OF OTHER
DELEGATIONS AND CHARGED US FUNDING FOR OAS EXPENSES
WAS MERELY A MATTER OF TAKING OUT OF ONE POCKET AND
PUTTING INTO ANOTHER.

3. CHILE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR US PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT

IT WOULD REDUCE FALSE APPEARANCE OF US DOMINANCE.
ECUADOR, PERU, AND GUATEMALA ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT
FORMULA US WAS PROPOSING TO REPLACE THE PRESENT ONE.
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA MADE WELL REASONED
RESPONSE, STRESSING THAT ORGANIZATION MUST FACE REALITY
THAT US CONGRESS PROBABLY WOULD CUT BACK US CONTRIBUTION
EVENTUALLY, JUST AS IT HAD ALREADY CUT US CONTRIBUTION
TO THE UN.

4. US ALTERNATE REP WHITE EXPLAINED RATIONALE FOR US
PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF OUR DESIRE TO REDUCE APPEARANCE
OF DOMINANCE, ALTHOUGH IN FACT US DID NOT DOMINATE THE
ORGANIZATION AS OTHER DELEGATIONS AWARE. HE CALLED
ATTENTION TO ERROR IN DOCUMENT CITED BY AMB. PITY
SHOWING US IN ARREARS AND SET RECORD STRAIGHT: US
PAYMENTS ARE FULLY UP TO DATE.

5. WHITE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESIRE FOR
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE OF
LATIN AMERICA BUT NOTED THAT WE HAD LEGITIMATE CONCERNS
ABOUT THE EXTENT OF COMMITMENT OF LATIN AMERICA TO THE
OAS AND OUR NOTE IS INTENDED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE
NEED TO RESTRUCTURE AND MODERNIZE THE ORGANIZATION. HE
SAID THE OAS SHOULD FACE ISSUE SQUARELY AND DECIDE
NOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE EVENTUAL REDUCTION IN US
CONTRIBUTION. CHRISTOPHER

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